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Dear Dr. Van Roekel:

I regret the delay in my reply to your letter of October 25 and also that we no longer have strains of the pleuropneumonia group under cultivation. I would suggest that the best way to find out whether or not your agent is a member of the pleuropneumonia group is to carry out your initial cultures on solid medium rather than fluid medium. The solid medium should contain 30% of either ascitic fluid or horse serum, rabbit serum or chicken serum. All the reprints of my paper in Bacteriological Reviews are exhausted. I might refer you, however, to my chapter in the book, entitled, "Bacterial and Mycotic Infections of Man", edited by Dubos.

Dr. Harry E. Morton of the Department of Bacteriology, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine may have some cultures which he could give you for comparative studies.

Sincerely yours,

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